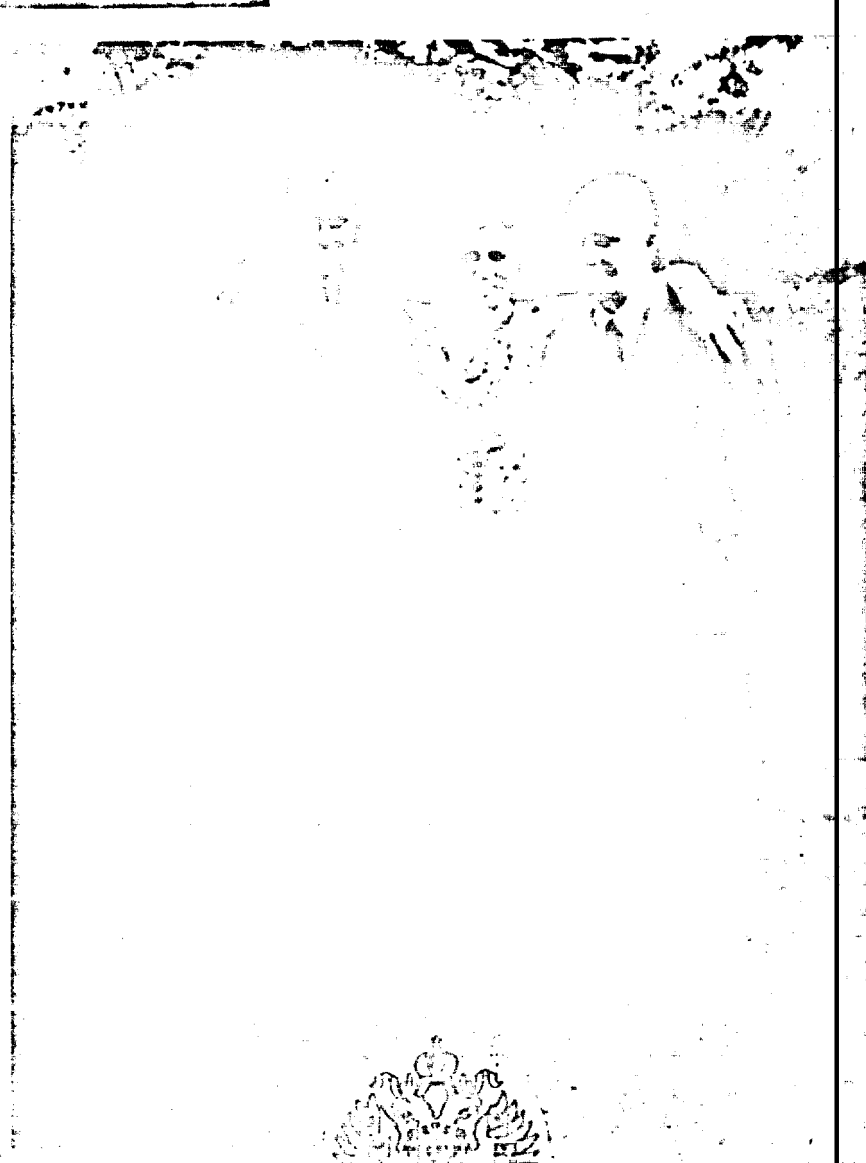
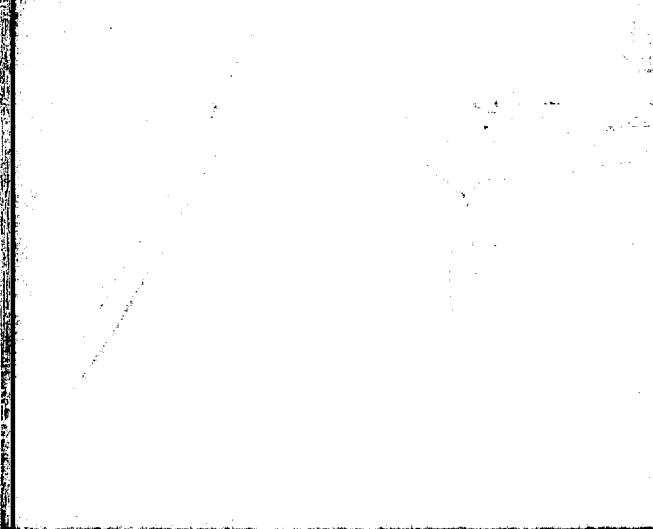


H.I.M. Emperor of all-Russians Nicholas II and H.I.H. the heir to the all-Russian Imperial Throne, Tsarevich and Grand Duke of Russia, August Ataman etc., etc. Aleksei Nicholaevich —Photo of 1914.



Imperator Nicholas II, the Grand Duchess Maria Nicholaevna of Russia and heir apparent, Tsarevich and Grand Duke Aleksei Nicholaevich of Russia. This photograph was made during the W.W. II on May 6/19, 1942 on the 74th birthday of the Imperator Nicholas II. They lived during World War II under the cover of Polish Nationality and remained Slavs under the German occupation. For reason of cover the Imperator was obligated at 74 years of age to do the hard work of a simple wood-cutter. The Imperator and the Tsarevich in exile and underground, in Poland and during German occupation fought in

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# AN OPEN LETTER

TO THE—President of the United States Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives Hon. John W. McCormack,  
And to Members of the United States Congress.

DEAR SIRs:

On January 27, 1966, I turned—by AN OPEN LETTER, published in the newspaper the "NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE" (mainpart page #8)—to YOU with petition to induce the settlement of my vital matters and for help. I explained in this letter my very serious and difficult situation.

The fact that I am forced to draw your attention to my matters once more, is very embarrassing for me. But in view of the fact that I did not even receive a reply to my letter since January 27, 1966, I have to repeat my petition respectively the contents of my last OPEN LETTER to you once again:

years ago, on JANUARY 12, 1961, I entered the United States with my (via: MATS, MIL, AP, DOV) after on January 4, 1961, the of political Asylum was granted by authorized representatives of the United States Government in U.S. CONSULATE-GEN. in WEST-ING. I was forced to flee with my to the UNITED STATES for of his voluntarily service for national security of the U.S.A. and eastern Allies, as stated by the REAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY Memorandum of I&N SERVICE: H.R. 5507, that my husband: has collaborated with the GOVERNMENT in an outstanding manner under circumstances which have caused grave personal risk. He continued to make major contributions to national security of the United States. His primary motivation in of to work with the GOVERNMENT has been and remains his desire to counter the menace of SOVIET COMMUNISM.

cause of our departure 9 members of my Family, who were living in U.S., found themselves in a very difficult situation, and they were during early 1961 evacuated by the authorized representative of the U.S. GOVERNMENT, from BERLIN into WEST GERMANY, where they are living up to this day.

reasons as contained in my following last letters, sent to HON. R. F. REAGAN, Commissioner of I&N, to the HON. M. A. FEIGHAN, Secretary of Representatives, I find myself here in the United States in a very serious and difficult situation which compels me to this open letter. During the last 24 months

and Hon. P. A. Esperdy District Director, U.S. I&N Service, 20, West Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10007.  
RE: A.r.c.: A12 727 331.

DEAR SIRs:

In accordance with the directive contained in letter dated 4-19-65 from U.S. Department of Justice Immigration & Naturalization Service, signed by EA. Loughram, Associate Commissioner, on July 7, 1965, now 6 months ago, received the District Director Mr. P. A. Esperdy of U. S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, N. Y. C. via the attorney at law, Mr. J. J. Richman two applications for replacement of alien registration receipt cards, including the necessary and lawful, supporting documents for my husband and myself.

In spite of our request for replacement of alien registration receipt cards, contained in our applications, submitted on JULY 7, 1965 and in spite of the voluminous correspondence (9 registered letters sent by: the Attorney at law, the ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTION SOCIETY and by my husband ALEKSEI NICHOLAEVICH ROMANOFF)—always containing the same legal request—during the entire six months we got nothing else as just one letter dated September 21, 1965 of the Associate Commissioner, Mr. Mario T. NOTO, U. S. I&N, Washington, D. C. with the following incredible advise:

"... The District Director of this Service in N. Y. C. has advised that, after careful consideration of the evidence submitted, the applications were denied and notices of the denial were sent to the applicants. Where are the denials regarding our applications, in reference to the replacement of our alien reg. cards, which should sent to us on August 16,

records? Incidentally is she already a legal United States Citizen and in possession of her own U.S. Passport under her said rightful family-name.

While other boards of the U. S. Government or of the New York State are respecting our rightful family-names and dates, including our documents, is certain Mr. NOTO (also Associate Commissioner of the U.S. I&N S.) telling us that we will get a notice of the denial regarding to our applications for the replacement of alien reg. rec. cards. In consequence of this blocking our rightful request to regulate our status, after we are 5 years living in the United States by the Right of political Asylum, are there arose already a lot and harmful repercussions for both of us and also for our baby, for instance: Living under very bad conditions in the United States (like financial, health, security and other important problems) and after a tumour operation, it is very important for me to get some recovery by my Family in Germany. Who has the right and who will force me such a necessary travel for me to do with travel-papers, which contain no rightful and legal names and dates, and show also an other name as appeared in the passport of the U.S.A. of my own daughter??

The same reason—amongst other ones—made it impossible to arrange a BAPTISM for our daughter. What kind of law in the United States and in the New York State does permit this enforced situation, not only for us, but also for our baby??

Further more have some officials of the C.I.A. broken the U.S. Contract with my husband and did not arrange with my husband and did not arrange such coverage for our Family himself, it is also very necessary to have the legal identification cards with the correct

dence: 4000 CATHEDRAL AV., Washington, D.C.

RE: A.r.c.: A12 727 331 (H.R.)

DEAR MR. FEIGHAN:

Enclosed you will find a copy of letters, dated Jan. 7, 1966, and by registered and insured mail to Hon. R. F. Farrell, Commissioner U.S. I&N S., and Hon. P. A. Esperdy, District Dir. U.S. I&N S., which sending you referring to the fact that you are very well informed now, since more than two years about our absolutely unusual and forced situation. Also you are familiar with certain reasons caused this unlucky status. One of the best sources for these information was a copy of my husband's letter dated June 15, 1963 (reg. and mail no. 387113) to the late President of the UNITED STATES JOHN F. KENNEDY, which you for your personal attention and mention.

As you will remember was the principal reason for your visit with the two officers of the CONGRESS, Mr. CORSO and Mr. O'CONNOR, in our apartment August 2, 1963. You discussed my husband and also with many of our problems and difficulties regarding to our life in the United States. We spoke about security financial problems, about my reference to the contract between C.I.A. and my husband's nation, e.t.c., as well as about the fact that the voluntary and anonymous also for me at this time—serve my husband for the national security of the U.S.A. and its western Allies as stated by C.I.A. in the Memorandum of I&N Service in re: H. and also in the Appreciation-L

here in the United States — very serious and difficult situation which compels me to this open letter. During the last 10 months more than 20 registered letters, were sent from my husband as well as some attorneys at law and myself, all of these letters show the contents, that we are asking help and for a settlement of problems. I am very sorry to state that in spite of all these letters and petitions there are no replies to this day.

I can not accept as a response to such a letter of the U.S. I&N as I received on January 20, 1966 by Ass. Commissioner M. T. O. This letter dated January 18, sent to me with just my rightful name on the envelope, was addressed in the text by a name, which was mine. Said letter contained many contradictions as well as some allegations of arbitrary decisions, and no value for want of attitude to principal matters.

Identically, the Congressman, Hon. Daniel A. FEIGHAN did not give any answer to my letter, although I called four times his office sent him a telegram one week

date I am still without any reply from HON. FEIGHAN.

In consideration of my poor health condition, the blood disease of my husband and in interest of our in the meantime born daughter I am forced in this way to bring our matter to the attention of the United States Government.

In view of the foregoing I am asking with the PRESIDENT of the United States and the U.S. CONGRESS to initiate the settlement of our vital matter as well as the correction of our difficult situation, which is caused by bureaucratic negligence and interference of certain United States representatives.

I thank you in advance.

Respectfully yours,

IRMARGARD MARGARETA ROMANOFF

Following you will read certain extracts from my last letters (The full text of these letters is already published on Jan. 27, 1966 in the "NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE"):

Reg. mail no: 188881 and no: 188882, insured \$5,000 —, dated: Jan. 7, 1966, c.c. del., Ret. r.r., Hon. R. F. Farrell, Commissioner of I&N, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.,

sent to you and your wife . . .

Where are the denials regarding our applications, in reference to the which should sent to us on August 16, 1965?? We never received any denials.

What is the reason that no one wants to pay attention to the letter of the Associate Commissioner of the U. S. I&N S. (H.Q.) in Washington, D. C. Mr. E. A. Loughram, dated April 19, 1965?? This letter contained very clearly the official information that the letter of my husband, ALEKSEI NICHOLAEVICH ROMANOFF, dated March 28, 1965 concerning said matter is acknowledged including the supporting documents. Further that we have to give the applications regarding to our request to the District Dir. I&N in N. Y. C. and the necessary forms for this are by Mr. Loughram attached. I do not believe that the Associate Commissioner of the H.Q. of U. S. I&N, Washington, D. C. would have sent such a letter respectively the applications if he was having some objections to our lawful request for the replacement of our alien reg. cards. The answer to this questions will be very interesting in connection to some other very strange aspects in this matter.

1. What kind of law in the United States and of the New York State does forbid me the use of the surname under which I married my husband in a lawful ceremony solemnized by the authorized and competent Clergyman, after a legal and rightful Marriage Licence of the CITY CLERK of the CITY NEW YORK was issued?? This Marriage was and is lawful, and documented by issue of the Extract from the Parish Register on Marriages by the Synod of Bishops of the Church as well as by issue of Certificate of Marriage Registration of the City Clerk of the City N. Y. as the lawful and authorized representative of the State New York, and consequently recorded for ever.

2. What kind of law in the United States and of the New York State does demand—now already 15 months after our legal Marriage—to use further a temporary assumed cover-name (on Febr. 24, 1961, given to us by some U. S. officials of C.I.A.)??

3. Why is the U. S. Immigration & Naturalization Service of the U. S. Department of Justice, Interested to prevent the replacement of our alien reg. cards, while we are already 15 months under the law of the United States and of New York State Married, and while also in the mean-time under the same name our daughter, named IATIANA ALEKSEIEVNA ROMANOFF, is born and registered in the vital

with my husband and did not arrange for us any health and life insurance. In order my husband can arrange such coverage for our Family himself, it is necessary to have the correct and legal identification cards with the correct names and dates. By this occasion some questions respectively remarks more: What was the reason that some CIA representatives in spring 1963 collected our first alien registration receipt cards just in order to change our real arrival-day: JANUARY 12, 1961—In April 15, 1961??

Very strange is the fact, that in this connection were no objections on part of the U.S. I&N S.—consequently it is much easier to give us false dates as our correct and legal names and dates. Further more why had we to wait for the first issue of the A.R. cards from January 1961 until October 1961, i.e. 10 MONTHS?? Is that normal and lawful that people to whom the right of political Asylum is granted have to live nearly 10 months without any papers also without Alien reg. cards??

I want just my RIGHT: The replacement of our a.r.r. cards as requested in our applications as well as in certain letters of our attorney and also in certain letters and telegrams of my husband. In view of the foregoing during the last 10 months I am not willing and also not able to wait any longer. Consequently I am forced to ask you, Dear Sirs, to induce the settlement in said matter:

Ultimately I want just to emphasize that I never married my husband under the name "GOLENIEWSKI" nor did I ever use this name. Such kind of calling me — as the Associate Commissioner of U.S. I&N S., in his letter to the Chairman of the ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTION SOCIETY in PHILADELPHIA, PA., Mr. E. A. NEWNAM, dated August 19, 1965, did — is an insolence, misrepresentation of facts and an attempt to libelous manipulation against my person.

I hope that you will excuse me for the fact that my knowledge of the english language is somewhat unsatisfactory but I hope also that you will understand the contents of this letter very well.

Sincerely,  
(—) Irmgard Margareta Romanoff.

Reg. mail no: 189030 and no: 189031, insured \$5,000.—dated January 10, 1966, sp. D., r.r.

Hon. Michael A. FEIGHAN, Chairman of the Subcommittee of Immigration & Naturalization, House of Representatives, U. S. CAPITOL, Washington, D.C., and copy to his resi-

also for me at this time—serve my husband for the national service of the U.S.A. and its western as stated by C.I.A. in the Memorandum of I&N Service in re: H.R. and also in the Appreciation-Letter the BRITISH SECURITY SERVICE re: PF. 776.286/D., forced myself with my husband to the U.S. You left us with many affirmations of your appreciation for our situation and our difficulties as well with many promises that everything will be cleared up during a very time, in spite of the fact, that at that time (now already 20 months after this conversation took place) nothing is cleared up—on the contrary: our situation is worse than before. I am still respecting this promise and said conversation with you, Sir. For that reason it is obligation to inform you once about the very poor and lawless conditions under which we have to live persons to whom the Right of political Asylum in the United States GOVERNMENT was granted. In our principal problems, amongst other ones, you can see from enclosed copy of my letters. In connection of the fact that you, Sir, are the Chairman of the Subcommittee of Immigration & Naturalization, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, I have to ask you also for immediate help. Ultimately I want just to emphasize that we are still forced in January 1964, i. e. 3 months after the new U.S. Contract of C.I.A. with my husband, of October 7, 1961 (your support) was signed — to continue our life, now with our meantime born daughter, for nearly 10 months, here in New York without any health-and life insurance without any legal protection from C.I.A. and also without any remunerations contained in the Contract of October 7, 1961 promised to us in the name of the U.S. Government. Believing, Sir, in your support and good intention, in order to correct our forced, poor and lawless situation I thank you in advance. Please kindly and acknowledge this. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully yours,  
(—) IRMGARD MARGARETA ROMANOFF

My ADDRESS:  
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POST SCRIPTUM: While my OPEN LETTER of January 27, 1966 was printed in one of the biggest newspapers in the UNITED STATES, I received just two letters on part of the readers. That these letters contain nothing else as several offences as well as certain libelous statements, not only against myself but for the most part against the PRESIDENT of the U.S.A., against the U. S. GOVERNMENT and the AMERICAN PEOPLE is a very shameful fact.

NEW YORK COPY, dated: JAN. 28, 1966, 08:27, C.I.A. RDP 75-00149R000300130025-4

A STATEMENT BY MR. ROBERT SPELLER  
(Prepared & witnessed Feb. 17, 1965)  
In connection with the publication of the book ANASTASIA:

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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF H.I.H. the Grand Duchess Anastasia Nicholaevna of Russia (Mrs. Eugenia Smith), by the firm of Robert Speller and Sons, Publishers, Inc., many telephone calls, letters and visitors were received regarding the Romanoff family. Among them was a visit by a gentleman who gave the name of "Mr. Burg". He told us that he was a friend of the Romanoff family and that he desired to have a meeting with Anastasia Nicholaevna, and to personally deliver to her a letter. After consideration and consultation with her a meeting was arranged for December 31, 1963 in our office in New York City.

The meeting of the Grand Duchess and "Mr. Burg" was recorded on tape at the direction of the Grand Duchess. Their lengthy conversation was held in Russian and in English. The Russian portion has been translated into English and incorporated into the extracts which follow below.

During their meeting my two sons, Robert Speller, Jr., and Jon P. Speller were present the entire time. I was also present. Towards the end of their meeting Mr. Cleve Backster, who had given polygraph tests to the Grand Duchess, entered and was introduced by the Grand Duchess to her visitor. Mrs. Robert Speller, Sr., was present at the conclusion of the interview.

Following are extracts from the tape recording of the meeting of December 21, 1963 of the Grand Duchess Anastasia Nicholaevna and "Mr. Burg":

(Note: for purposes of brevity Anastasia Nicholaevna is referred to as Anastasia and "Mr. Burg" as Burg)

ANASTASIA: I am so ashamed of myself (she begins to cry) who are you? Who sent you to see me?

BURG: I am a friend and I came to see you to speak to you. Do you remember the name Turynski?

ANASTASIA: I remember the name.

BURG: And Anastasia Turynska?

ANASTASIA: Anastasia Turynska? I did not come....Anastasia Turynska I remember. I came as Anastasia Turynska but my passport is different.

BURG: Do you remember Janina Turynska? The daughter of Raymond Turynski. That was Maria Nicholaevna Romanova.

ANASTASIA: But who told you all that?

BURG: Must I tell you? That you came to America as Anastasia Turynska?

ANASTASIA: Who spoke with you about Janina Turynska? How do you know? How did the family know? I tried to see my Aunt Olga as she came to Toronto. She did not want to see me....Your eyes. I remember your eyes as if I knew them. I am so afraid. Who sent you to me? ....Maria is alive? (He shows her a snapshot) Who is that?

BURG: Maria remained with us. I have been looking for you here for two years. They didn't want me to see you. They don't want to recognize you because of the money. Because they got the money.

ANASTASIA: How can you be sure that I am Anastasia?

BURG: When I came I began at once to look for you. They did not want me to find you.

ANASTASIA: I would like the Spellers to understand....

BURG: I would like to speak Russian

ANASTASIA: I am sorry but my Russian is not very good. I see very few Russians and I was living for years in Illinois and never had the occasion....

BURG: I came here more than two years ago.

ANASTASIA: (To the Spellers) He was looking for me for more than two years... (To Burg) Who didn't want you to meet me? Those who want to recognize another Anastasia? The people don't want to believe me. They printed a lot of lies....

BURG: I have a photo to show you. That is your sister....

ANASTASIA: I have so many complications....

BURG: But you know that all are alive.

ANASTASIA: How is that possible? Some people wrote that Tatiana is alive. But can it be that the whole family....

BURG: We had to make a lot of simulations to cover the flight....Your mother died from a heart attack.

ANASTASIA: I also have a bad heart.

BURG: You have the eyes of Maria, but her's are darker, like these violets I brought you and which you liked so much.

ANASTASIA: They are Anastasia blue. Who told you? Who sent you? Who told you that? I really have confidence in you....

BURG: I know what you think. You see this photo....Maria Nicholaevna has the other part of this photo from Warsaw....She still has photos of Father and of Mother, taken in Warsaw and elsewhere in Poland.

ANASTASIA: Maria has my picture..What happened to Tatiana? (she cries)

BURG: I didn't come to make you suffer, only to speak with you. I wished to see you and show you a lot of things that will interest you.

ANASTASIA: The Spellers should know, because they work with me and it is really so important that they recognize me (Burg then shows her another photo). Who is on this photo?..That should be Olga. So old. She is older than me - six years....That's the signature and writing of Maria. Why did she put Mushka? (He has shown her another photo)

BURG: Mushka who was brought through the Red borders in a washbasket. Do you know who Mushka is?

ANASTASIA: It could be Maria -- Mashka. It could be me. My mother said I was like a little fly.

BURG: No....do you know who was brought through the Red borders in a washbasket? ....

ANASTASIA: Yes, I know. My father wanted me to forget it. He said so. I was stolen from my family. My father, my mother, my sisters, my country, everything....I have the impression you understand Please have patience with me....

BURG: I have to return to my family but I will always be happy to see you.

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BURG: Mother was praying before an icon. Maria has the icon and a little lamp. They are the only things we have from her.

ANASTASIA: But how is it possible that you have something?

BURG: Some things we had with us.

ANASTASIA: I had only the diamonds. But nothing was left after the flight. Now I have only a handkerchief... Are you still Orthodox?

BURG: Yes, we have never changed.

ANASTASIA: My husband was a Catholic. He would have liked for me to become Catholic, but I know that my parents would not have liked it and so we married and I stayed always Orthodox. I was married in Bucovina....my life was very difficult....

BURG: I also had a very difficult life....Maria had a lot of trouble with me. Mother was dead...

ANASTASIA: All you would like I will do for you....

BURG: I came with a lot of good will and I was received like a dog. It was my duty to see my sister, to say hello to her, to speak about our parents....

ANASTASIA: When and where can we see each other?

BURG: As soon as possible.

ANASTASIA: (To Mr. Speller, Sr.) Is it alright in your apartment?

MR.SPELLER,SR: Yes, of course.

BURG: Look good at me. I aged a lot. I am nearly an old man now.... (Mr. Cleve Backster enters)

ANASTASIA: Hello, Mr. Backster. Can I present you to my brother, Aleksei?

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As a result of the first meeting and then of the mutual recognition of Anastasia Nicholaevna and her brother Aleksei Nicholaevich (who had originally told us that he was a "Mr. Burg") there were three further meetings between them, in either my apartment or in her apartment. During these meetings Anastasia Nicholaevna always addressed Aleksei Nicholaevich as her brother. There are also witnesses to these meetings. She also referred to Aleksei Nicholaevich as her brother to others. Robert Speller /S/, Robert Speller, Jr. /S/, Jon P. Speller /S/

Witnesses:

Maxine Speller /S/

Cleve Backster /S/

Excerpts translated & transcribed from Russian by Mirna Princess /S/